

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on March 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Keith Regier (R)  
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Llew Jones (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 421, 3/8/2017; HB 487, 3/8/2017  
Executive Action: HB 421, Be Concurred In; HB 185, Be Removed From Table

00:00:06 Chair Salomon

**HEARING ON HB 421**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:17 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 421, Ensure fire service training fees are deposited consistent with higher ed funds.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:10 Frieda Houser, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:25 Sen. Facey  
00:03:52 Ms. Houser, OCHE  
00:03:57 Chair Salomon  
00:04:14 Ms. Houser

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:05:04 Rep. Brodehl

**HEARING ON HB 487**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:06:15 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 487, Revise youth athlete protection laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:09:27 Margaret Morgan, Montana Athletic Trainers' Association (MTATA)  
00:10:37 David Smith, YMCA  
00:12:33 Brian Michelotti, Montana High School Association (MHSA)  
00:15:43 Valerie Moody, Montana Athletic Trainers' Association (MTATA)

**[EXHIBIT\(eds52a01\)](#)**

00:17:50 Tom Steigers, self

**[EXHIBIT\(eds52a02\)](#)**

00:22:07 John Bigart, Brain Injury Alliance of Montana (BIAMT)

**[EXHIBIT\(eds52a03\)](#)**

00:25:55 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

00:27:17 Melissa Shannon, Montana Physical Therapy Association

00:28:23 Samantha Riordan, Montana Athletic Trainers' Association

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds52a04)

00:30:26 Jill Olson, director and founder, Dylan Steigers Concussion Project

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds52a05)

00:37:31 Phil McGovern, Helena Youth Soccer Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:42:44 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds52a06)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:46:39 Sen. McClafferty

00:47:04 Mr. Michelotti, MHSA

00:47:45 Sen. McClafferty

00:48:20 Rep. Funk

00:48:31 Sen. Facey

00:48:42 Mr. Al Smith, MTLA

00:49:06 Sen. Boland

00:49:27 Ms. Morgan, MTATA

00:49:39 Ms. Moody, MTATA

00:50:24 Sen. Boland

00:50:35 Ms. Moody

00:50:54 Sen. Tempel

00:51:19 Rep. Funk

00:52:26 Sen. Facey

00:52:46 Mr. David Smith, YMCA

00:53:55 Sen. Facey

00:54:22 Mr. Michelotti

00:54:36 Chair Salomon

00:54:57 Mr. Michelotti

00:55:18 Chair Salomon

00:56:50 Rep. Funk

00:57:30 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division

00:57:40 Rep. Funk

00:57:52 Chair Salomon

00:58:56 Mr. David Smith

00:59:37 Chair Salomon

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:59:57 Rep. Funk

01:00:56 Chair Salomon

01:01:10 Sen. Facey  
01:01:25 Recess  
01:04:18 Reconvene  
01:04:34 Sen. Regier entered the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 185**

01:04:39 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 185 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

**Discussion:**

01:05:21 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division

01:05:24 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Facey made a substitute motion to **RECONSIDER THE MOTION ON HB 185.**

**Discussion:**

01:06:07 Chair Salomon  
01:06:12 Sen. Facey  
01:06:30 Chair Salomon

01:06:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. K. Regier and Sen. Tempel voting no. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 421**

01:07:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 421 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy. Sen. Jones will carry the bill.

01:08:51 Chair Salomon

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:10 PM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds52aad.pdf](#))